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INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION YEAR

Report of the Second Committee

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1. At the 1676th meeting, on 27 September 1968, the General Assembly allocated to the Second Committee agenda item 38 entitled "International Education Year: report of the Secretary-General".
2. The Committee considered this item at its 1240th and 1241st meetings, on 3 and 4 December 1968. At the 1240th meeting the Committee heard a statement by the representative of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.^{1/}
3. When considering the item, the Committee had before it a note by the Secretary-General (A/7239 and Add.1), a progress report of the Secretary-General (E/4518) and the relevant section of the report of the Economic and Social Council to the General Assembly at its twenty-third session.^{2/}
4. At the 1240th meeting, the representative of the United States of America, on behalf of the delegations of Argentina, Ghana, Iran, Mexico, Philippines, Senegal, Togo, Turkey and the United States of America, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/L.1031) which read as follows:

^{1/} See A/C.2/SR.1240.

^{2/} Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-third Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/7203), chapter XIII, section E.

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling General Assembly resolution 2306 (XXII) of 13 December 1967, which decided 'to observe an International Education Year and provisionally designates the year 1970 for this purpose',

"Noting with satisfaction Economic and Social Council resolution 1355 (XLV) of 2 August 1968, particularly its invitation to all the United Nations agencies, bodies and organs to participate in the preparation of programmes of concerted action and within the context of an over-all strategy for development during the next decade and in close co-operation with UNESCO,

"Noting with appreciation that consultations between the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the interested specialized agencies have taken place and that the International Education Year was reviewed at a meeting of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination in October 1968,

"Noting with appreciation the resolution on the International Education Year, adopted at the fifteenth session of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization General Conference, in particular, that the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization would assume primary responsibility for the preparation and execution of an international concerted programme,

"Recognizing that education in a broad sense is an indispensable factor in the development of human resources which is essential to ensure the attainment of the goals of the second Development Decade,

- "1. Decides to designate 1970 as International Education Year;
- "2. Endorses the themes and objectives of the International Education Year set out in the resolution adopted by the General Conference of United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and described in the reports submitted by the Secretary-General to the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly;
- "3. Recommends to States Members of the United Nations and of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency to take stock of the situation with respect to education in their countries and to plan and initiate or stimulate action and studies linked to the objectives and themes of the International Education Year in the context of their preparation for the next Development Decade;
- "4. Requests the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the organizations of the United Nations system concerned, to provide within available resources all possible assistance to Governments in their efforts to pursue the objectives of the International Education Year;

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"5. Further requests the Secretary-General with the assistance of the United Nations Educational, Scientific Organization to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session, through the Economic and Social Council at its forty-seventh session, on the progress achieved by the organizations of the United Nations family in the preparations for the International Education Year."

5. Austria, Ceylon, Kuwait, Libya, Norway, Thailand and Venezuela became co-sponsors of the draft resolution (A/C.2/L.1031/Add.1).

6. The following oral changes in the draft resolution were accepted by the sponsors at the 1241st meeting:

(a) In operative paragraph 2, at the suggestion of the representative of Upper Volta, the words "themes and objectives of" were replaced by the words "programme of action for";

(b) In operative paragraph 3, at the suggestion of the representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the words "and training" were inserted between the words "education" and "in their countries";

(c) In operative paragraph 4, at the suggestion of the representative of Somalia, the words "especially those of the developing countries" were inserted after the words "all possible assistance to Governments"; and at the suggestion of Upper Volta, the words "pursue the objectives of the International Education Year" were changed to read "pursue the objectives formulated by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization for the International Education Year".

7. Chad, Nigeria and Upper Volta became sponsors of the draft resolution, as orally revised.

8. The representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics orally proposed that the first part of operative paragraph 3 should be revised to read:

"Invites all States which wish to participate in the International Education Year to take stock...".

9. The Committee then voted on the draft resolution (A/C.2/L.1031 and Add.1), as orally revised, and the amendment thereto, as follows:

(a) The amendment of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (see paragraph 8 above) was rejected by 34 votes to 25, with 26 abstentions;

(b) The draft resolution, as orally revised, was approved unanimously (see paragraph 10 below).

RECOMMENDATION OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

10. The Second Committee therefore recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

International Education Year

The General Assembly,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 2306 (XXII) of 13 December 1967, by which it decided "to observe an International Education Year and provisionally designated the year 1970 for this purpose,

Noting with satisfaction Economic and Social Council resolution 1355 (XLV) of 2 August 1968, particularly the invitation to all the United Nations agencies, bodies and organs to participate in the preparation of programmes of concerted action and within the context of an over-all strategy for development during the next decade and in close co-operation with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization,

Noting with appreciation that consultations between the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the interested specialized agencies have taken place and that the International Education Year was reviewed at a meeting of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination in October 1968,

Noting with appreciation the resolution on the International Education Year, adopted at the fifteenth session of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization General Conference on 19 November 1968 in particular that the organization would assume primary responsibility for the preparation and execution of an international concerted programme,

Recognizing that education in a broad sense is an indispensable factor in the development of human resources which is essential to ensure the attainment of the goals of the second United Nations Development Decade,

1. Decides to designate 1970 as International Education Year;
2. Endorses the programme of action for the International Education Year set out in the resolution adopted by the General Conference of United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and described in the reports submitted by the Secretary-General to the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly;

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3. Recommends to States Members of the United Nations and of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency to take stock of the situation with respect to education and training in their countries and to plan and initiate or stimulate action and studies linked to the objectives and themes of the International Education Year in the context of their preparation for the United Nations Development Decade;

4. Requests the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the organizations of the United Nations system concerned to provide within available resources all possible assistance to Governments, especially those of the developing countries, in their efforts to pursue the objectives formulated by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization for the International Education Year;

5. Further requests the Secretary-General, with the assistance of the United Nations Educational, Scientific Organization, to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session, through the Economic and Social Council at its forty-seventh session, on the progress achieved by the organizations of the United Nations family in the preparations for the International Education Year.
